News Around Town

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

A 3-year-old had been particularly coached in her duties as flower girl at a fashionable wedding. All went well in the eventful day until, halfway down the aisle, the little lady made a sudden detour and squeezed into a pew beside some wedding guests. Later, the bewildered mother catechised her offspring. No, the child was not ill; had not turned an ankle; no dire calamity had befallen. "I just sat down because I ran out of petals." —Bob Dorsett.

Don't forget this Saturday is Poppy Day in Appomattox. Buy and wear a Poppy. Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary.

The Appomattox P.-T. A. will meet Tuesday evening, June 27, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school cafeteria. There will discussion of the proposed school building program, final reports and installation of officers.

Someone has suggested that I name the street upon which I live, "Twin Street." There are four sets of twins living there: the Wingfield twins, Lawrence and Wayne; the Fred Robertson twins, Patsy and Betsy; the Mitchell twins, Doug and Mike, and now the Enid Phelps twins Bonnie Fay and Connie Gay.

Dr. C. H. Swing and Joe T. Irby have returned from a fishing trip to Nags Head, N. C.

Had a card from Mrs. J. R. Law son saying she was enjoying her vacation and was leaving Columbiana Alabama for Montgomery, returning here Saturday.

There will be a Donkey ball game at the Lee Park Wednesday, May 28, at 8:00 P. M. It is sponsored by Appomattox Volunteer Fire Dept. Support your firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Enid Phelps have announced the birth of twin girls, Bonnie Fay and Connie Gay, last Moday, May 19 at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Monday night in the school cafeteria. There will be an installation of officers.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Mary Walker Evans, May 20.
Roy Keys, May 16.
Mrs. Mitchell Lewis, May 21.
Mr. Henry Barger, May 20.
Con. W. M. Abbitt, May 21.
Major Charlie Abbitt, May 25.
Martha Jennings, May 13.
Mrs. E. C. Scruggs, May 11
Mr. Billy Williamson, May 11
Sammy Carter, May 21
Herman Bryant, May 1
Mrs. Edith McCormick, May 20
Ann Franklin, May 14
Claude Jennings, May 30.
Mary Alice Henry, May 29.

Mrs. F. F. Carr will attend a conference of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs next week in Richmond, at the Jefferson. Mrs. Carr is president of the Third District Federation.

Have you seen the fellows employed with Transcontinental Gas Pipeline establishment? They are now proudly wearing their new uniforms —green with red lettering.

Miss Barbara Ann Johnson, a student at Phillips Business College, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Johnson, Appomattox, has accepted a position as stenographer at radio station WWOD, Lynchburg. She will begin her duties Monday, May 26.

Good news! The potato shortage may be over! Young Watkins Abbitt reports that he dug new potatoes this week from his garden—enough for a meal, too.

The exterior of the Farmers National Bank is being improved by a new paint job.

Father Darkleaf turned guide for tourists last Saturday. He practiced what he preaches about being courteous to tourists. At noon the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce called him with a problem. They had two tourists from Utah who wanted to see the McLean House. The problem was that they were traveling by bus. Father Darkleaf met them here and drove them over the National Park Service area and arranged with Mr. H. A. Gurney, Supt., to show them over the grounds at the Old Court House, later bringing them back to meet the bus for Richmond. The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Abbot, of Vintah County, Utah. Mr. Abbot is a retired Army officer, and the couple were en route to attend a reunion of the Class of 1902 at West Point. Mrs. Abbott was active in D. A. R. work. They were lavish in their praise of Virginia hospitality, and declared that their visit to Appomattox was a top feature of their current tour through 14 states. Mr. Abbot left this thought: Teach history!

I must not end today's column without mentioning the lovely flower garden of Mrs. Ruth Wheeler. I had the pleasure of visiting her garden one evening this week, and it seems Mrs. Wheeler has most every variety of rose in bloom, and they were lovely to behold. Yes, you guessed it: I came away with lots of flowers, including the red rose in my hair!

Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Murray, of near Lynchburg, Bedford County, were pleasant visitors in the Times-Virginian office Wednesday.

TOBACCO MEETING AT HALIFAX H. S.

Flue Cured tobacco growers and other interested groups are being urged to attend an important meeting at the Halifax High School on Tuesday, May 27, at 2 P. M., to discuss the tobacco program and hear reports from the Flue Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation.

Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the state P. M. A. have been invited to participate in the program, along with Stabilization officials and growers.

A spokesman for the Stabilization Corp. said that in the past a majority of the tobacco meetings has been held in North Carolina and as a result few Virginia growers have become familiar with the operations of the tobacco program. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the Virginia growers of the workings of Stabilization.

Untreated Alfalfa Seed Available In Pound Lots

T. W. Wood & Sons, Richmond, Va., has announced that repeated requests for alfalfa seed in small quantities have shown there is sufficient demand for the company to supply its customers with one-pound packages of the seed.

The company found that people over the South with arthritis and rheumatism were writing in for untreated seed in small quantities, and they were using the seed for making alfalfa seed tea.

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MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT AT TRANSPLANTING TIME

Proper plant-bed management at transplanting time will aid in increasing the number of good tobacco plants which can be drawn.

R. B. Hudgins, county agent, advises wetting the bed thoroughly before drawing plants, to reduce root breakage. Plants will have a better and more uniform root system, and will produce a more uniform crop.

Wetting the bed after pulling and after weeding will firm soil around plants left in the bed, and cause them to grow off more quickly.

Home Agent's Notes

(By Mrs. B. G. Anderson)

In recent months many more homemakers tell me they are pasteurizing milk at home. It's hard to believe that milk from our own tested cows, which is handled exclusively by us under sanitary conditions, is not safe to drink raw. But when we face up to the facts we know that this is true.

We know that important as milk is in our family daily diet, and in spite of the fact that no other food gives so much nutritional value for what it costs, still this important food in the raw state is often the carrier of such diseases as undulant fever, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, dysentery, strep throat, and diarrhea.

Many of us have felt for a long time that we should start pasteurizing our milk at home, but have put off getting started with this additional chore. Today, however, it is easy to make good milk safe milk.

On the market are several commercial appliances with which you pasteurize milk right in your own kitchen. There is no stirring to be done, no timing, no fussing over the regulating of the temperature. The appliance itself takes care of these details. Of course you will need to sterilize the covered container in which you will store the milk once you have pasteurized it.

But you can pasteurize milk in your own kitchen with improvised equipment.For the job you will need: an accurate thermometer, milk bottles or fruit jars, caps, a cork, and a large container such as a water-bath canner which has a false bottom.

Fill the milk bottles, or fruit jar, with fresh milk to within one or two inches of the top. Cap them and put them in the water bath, making sure the water level is above the level of the milk in the bottles. Then fill an extra bottle with water to about one or two inches from the top. In this bottle fit a cork with the thermometer through it so it will reach about half way down into the bottle. Or, you can fit a thermometer into a two-piece mason jar cover. Get one of your men folks to fix up such a device if you aren't handy at this sort of thing. You can use and reuse the same set up. Place the container on the stove and let it heat but keep an eye on the thermometer in the bottle. After it reaches 142 degrees F., take the thermometer out of the bottle, cork and all, and test the temperature of the water bath. Adjust the fire to keep the temperature constant for 30 minutes. The temperature of the water bath should be around 148 to 150 degrees F. After holding the milk at this temperature for 30 minutes, remove the container to a place where the milk can cool. One method is to attach a hose to the cool water faucet and let the water run into the container from the bottom, overflowing the hot water.

After the milk is cooled, place fresh caps over the caps already on the bottles and store in refrigerator. Another method, the short time high temperature method, involves heating the milk quickly to 162 F., and holding at that temperature for at least 15 seconds. Both methods require prompt cooling of milk and clean cold storage. Once you begin pasteurizing milk at home for your family, you will feel relieved and pleased that you are no longer taking chances with their health.

Ridgeway, back in States, gives report to government.

"ALGOMA" ESTATE SOLD TO PENNSYLVANIANS

Lynchburg, Va., May 22.- "Algoma," historic James River plantation 5 miles west of Scottsville, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Onks to Dr. J. Harrel Shipp, late of the Du-Pont Corp., Wilmington, Del., the sale being handled by Mr. Roy V. Murray, local realtor. While the exact amount is not known, it is believed this transac neighborhood of Part of the owned by Genera War fame, the acres, 200 in rive balance in cultiva woodland. Dr. and to move to their next few days.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 8.

God and Life

Lesson for May 25, 1952

IF THERE IS any one commandment which Jesus not only did not abolish but made far clearer and sharper, it is the commandment, **Thou shalt not kill.**

By word and act, the Master showed that life is sacred. It is sacred because we are God's children; and whatever injures life, whatever makes it less worth living, whatever tempts men to do way with their own lives, whatever shortens life and makes it wretched and unbearable, this violates the will of God, this is a form of killing.

Dr. Foreman

Jesus's attitude to disease is a case in point. We do not read of a single case where he came in contact with a sick person and urged the patient just to be patient. He always restored the sick to health; sickness in his eyes, is a thing that ought not to be.

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Blunt Instruments

MURDER MYSTERIES are always solved in the detective stories. In real life we are not always so fortunate. Many a murder mystery remains a mystery after long years. All the police could ever be sure of was that "some person or persons unknown" hit the victim with a "blunt instrument."

Now you would think that a murderer would pick out something more efficient. Why not a sharp instrument? However, the blunt instrument, whatever it was—a sash-weight, a brick or whatever,—did the work. A man can be just as dead from being hit with a sandbag as from being shot with a rifle.

As Simeon Stylites pointed out some time ago in the "Christian Century," there are all kinds of blunt instruments besides crowbars, sash-weights and bricks. Whatever tends to shorten life is a kind of blunt instrument; it may take a long time to have its effect but if it is deadly in the long run, then it is deadly, period.

Any sort of habit that cuts down one's good health; and carelessness or neglect; any stupidity or foolishness such as driving too fast on a wet night; giving way to worries and getting indigestion from them; these are not un-heard-of ways of shortening life. They are, in plain language; murderous.

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Alcohol the Killer

AS THIS IS the temperance lesson, this is a good place to recall the fact that alcoholic liquor is a too popular deadly weapon.

You have heard of the so-called antibodies or phagocytes which are in a healthy blood-stream. These are the little fighting cells which gather around invading germs and kill them. Without these in our blood we could scarcely survive a single day, the air is so full of germs which we cannot help taking into our throats and lungs.

But alcohol taken internally will paralyze these phagocytes to such an extent that they are no use. This is not to say that a single bottle or drink of liquor kills all a man's phagocytes at once.

But still, as David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, once said, if a man were telling the whole truth he would not say, Let us have a drink together. He would say, Come, let us paralyze our phagocytes together!

Insurance companies which insure only ministers and religious workers, that is to say, which insure mostly non-drinkers, can and do offer insurance for much lower premiums than companies that have to insure all sorts of people including "moderate" drinkers.

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Hit by the Bottle

A DRINKER is said to be hitting the bottle. Not at all. The bottle is hitting him. Liquor kills, in more ways than by paralyzing the health-cells in the blood. Time is the stuff life is made of and how much time liquor kills, how many "lost weekends" it is causing this very week, only God and the devil know.

Liquor also creates poverty and poverty helps to shorten life. Liquor also makes a man reckless. The trade of prostitution would not be quite so flourishing without liquor. Many a serious disease is contracted under the effects of liquor.

As for violent and sudden deaths, read carefully next Monday's papers for the lists of the people killed on our American highways this beautiful May week-end. Read again after Decoration Day. Read carefully: how many of these dead people, if sober, might have lived?

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TOBACCO SITUATION SEEMS SATISFACTORY

Virginia's burley tobacco belt seemed free of blue mold and wildfire troubles last week, and S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, says farmers will start setting out plants by the first of June.

In the flue-cured area, blue mold is generally distributed, but farmers are doing an excellent job of spraying and dusting with fermam and zineb, Fenne said. Dry weather has prevented rapid spread of the disease.

Fenne says the plant beds he examined during a visit to the burley belt "looked very good," and that the few plant bed failures reported apparently were not caused by disease.

He warned, however, that rains may provide conditions for wildfire to become established.

Fenne says indications are that there will be plenty of tobacco plants.

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BEETLE INJURY REPORTED IN LADINO PLANTINGS

The green June beetle has become one of the most important pests in ladino-orchard grass pastures in Virginia, says Dr. J. O. Rowell, entomologist at VPI.

Dr. Rowell says the leaves which drop from the clover plants furnish excellent food for the beetle larvae and that the serious, advent of the beetle in Virginia's pastures is closely associated with the growing popularity of ladino clover.

The beetle larvae do damage, not by eating on the plants, but by pushing the plants out of the ground as they work their way to the surface. The larvae or grubs of this beetle can be identified by the fact that tney crawl on their backs.

Some tentative recommendations for control have resulted from research at the Holland branch of VPI Experiment Station, and from field demonstrations. Dr. Rowell says farmers who see the insect in their ladino-orchard grass pastures, or in other permanent pastures, should contact their county agent, or write the Agricultural Extension Service at VPI, Blacksburg, for a free copy of Circular MS-90.

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Daily devotions are an important part of Grandpa's life. He has cultivated the habit since early manhood.

Grandpa's big Bible is worn from constant use, and on the fly leaf, in his own handwriting, is this quotation from the Psalms: "In the winter of my years, the word of God will comfort me."

Grandpa attends church regularly and reads his Bible daily. His advice to everyone is: "Go to church, keep a good conscience, live right, and trust in God." That is his rule of life.

The churches of this community endeavor to teach people the value of a faith like Grandpa's. Go to church on Sunday. Seek the inspiration and guidance of God in *your* daily life.

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